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Remarks/Arguments

Applicant would like to thank the examiner for the thorough review of the present application. Applicant has amended the specification to capitalize the term "VELCRO" wherever used and include the appropriate generic terminology. Applicant has deleted the term "VELCRO" from the Abstract. Claims 7 and 13 have been amended to depend from claims 1 and 8 respectively so they are no longer indefinite. The specification has been amended to disclose a "mast section maintaining mechanism" so the language is consistent with the recited function of claims 1 and 8.

In view of these considerations, it is respectfully submitted that the rejection of the original claims should be considered as no longer tenable with respect to amendments to the specification and the currently amended claims 7 and 13. All pending dependent claims necessarily include the recitations of their independent claims and therefore are also in condition for allowance.

Should the examiner consider necessary or desirable to make formal changes anywhere in the specification, claims and/or drawings, then it is respectfully asked that such changes be made by examiner's Amendment, if the examiner feels this would facilitate passage of the case to issuance. Alternatively, should the examiner feel that a personal discussion might be helpful in advancing this case to allowance, he is invited to telephone the undersigned attorney.

Applicant respectfully requests that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case.

Respectfully submitted,

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